



David Ferry
Consulting Artistic Director
Keith Fernandes
General Manager
Bob Forhan
President

For Immediate Release: May 17, 2006

RESURGENCE THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES

YORK SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 2006

Media Contact: Keith Fernandes, 416-720-2648

keithf@resurgence.on.ca



RESURGENCE RETURNS WITH A VENGEANCE

Consulting Artistic Director **David Ferry**

Resurgence Theatre Company returns with **Summer Dreams: York Shakespeare Festival 2006**. Bolstered by new funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, to the tune of \$160,000 over 3 years, Resurgence is getting ready to spring into action with a flurry of summer activity. Joining the Resurgence team is Newmarket native **Keith Fernandes**, cast in the new role of General Manager. A graduate of the University of Toronto, Fernandes brings a wealth of experience from such companies as Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, CanStage, and the Canadian Opera Company, and is excited to share his passion for theatre with the York Region community which raised him.

A renewed commitment to theatrical excellence

With increased funding and a new General Manager, Resurgence is renewing its commitment to theatrical excellence in York Region. It is, therefore, only fitting that this year's York Shakespeare Festival kicks off with **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, Shakespeare's most beloved comedy. In a tent under the stars, on the shores of Fairy Lake, Artistic Director **David Ferry** has gathered a cast of some of Canada's brightest stage talents for this brand new production of Resurgence's inaugural Shakespearean work from 1999. Returning to the Resurgence Stage for this innovative production are Designer **Glenn Davidson**, actors **Don Alison**, **Brendan Gall**, **Christopher Morris**, **Chris Sas** and the Dora Award winning **Irene Poole**, joined by newcomers **Maev Beaty**, **Tim Campbell**, **Lisa Codrington**, **Cara Ricketts**, **Jamie Robinson**, **Stuart Wiber**, **Robert Dunsmore/Van Wart** along with renowned artist **Alon Nashman**, and star of stage and screen **Art Hindle** in the role of Bottom.

From Classics to Contemporary

Hot on the heels of *Midsummer*, Resurgence presents Landford Wilson's critically acclaimed Pulitzer Prize winning **Talley's Folly**, also directed by **David Ferry**. Taking centre stage, **Irene Poole** and **Alon Nashman** bring to life a story about hope, acceptance and finding love in the face of intolerance. Set in a boat house where two lovers seek solace from the forces threatening to drive them apart, **Talley's Folly** is a touching romance ideally suited for Resurgence's outdoor venue.

SUMMER DREAMS
York Shakespeare Festival 2006

presented by
Resurgence Theatre Company
Consulting Artistic Director **David Ferry**

June 21 to July 30, 2006
Fairy Lake Park, Newmarket

Tickets \$25.00 *General Admission*, \$20.00 *students/senior*,
Flex4Pass \$80.00, 4 tickets to any performance in any combination

CALL OR VISIT OUR BOX OFFICE AT
ARTISTIC REVIVAL
206 Main Street South, Newmarket, ON
Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00pm-6:00pm
Box Office: (905) 830-4414 or Toll Free 1-877-930-4414



David Ferry
Consulting Artistic Director
Keith Fernandes
General Manager
Bob Forhan
President

SUMMER DREAMS
York Shakespeare Festival 2006
Consulting Artistic Director David Ferry
June 21-July 30, 2006
Fairy Lake Park Newmarket, ON

June 21st – July 16th, 2006

A Midsummer Night's Dream

By **William Shakespeare**

Directed by **David Ferry**

Set & Lighting Design by **Glenn Davidson**

Stage Managed by **Robert Harding**

Featuring **Don Alison, Maev Beaty, Tim Campbell, Lisa Codrington, Brendan Gall, Art Hindle, Christopher Morris, Alon Nashman, Irene Poole, Cara Ricketts, Jamie Robinson, Chris Sas, Stuart Wiber & Robert Dunsmore/Van Wart.**

On midsummer night's eve a boy falls asleep wondering whether he will be abandoned when his mother re-marries the next day. In his sleep he dreams a dream where a conflict between the rulers of the heavens set in motion a tangle of love triangles.

Does the pillow dream the sleeper? Do the dreamed dream the dreamer?

A Midsummer Night's Dream is deceptive in its brilliance. A comic look at all the foibles of all the lovers in the world, this Shakespearean favorite is performed by a dream cast featuring respected star of TV and Film **Art Hindle** as that great comic creation Bottom.

One of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies.

July 20th-30th, 2006

Talley's Folly

By **Landford Wilson**

Directed by **David Ferry**

Set & Lighting Design by **Glenn Davidson**

Stage Managed by **Robert Harding**

Featuring **Alon Nashman & Irene Poole**

Amidst the political uncertainty of WWII and a country still ravaged by the Great Depression, 42 year-old German-Jewish accountant Matt Friedman and 31 year-old southern belle Sally Talley struggle to carve out a piece of happiness together in a boat house on the banks of a river.

Featuring the brilliantly funny **Alon Nashman** and Dora Award winning (and Resurgence alumni) **Irene Poole**, *Talley's Folly* is pure Romance with a delightful sentimentality tempered by smart, funny and intelligent observances about a society precariously close to losing its way.

Winner of the 1980 Pulitzer Prize and New York Drama Critics Circle Award

www.resurgence.on.ca